

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 3 stand rejected. Claims 4 through 15 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3 through 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 is in independent form.

The drawings are objected to because the Figures are not labeled and the Examiner does not understand the phrase "EUT 2." Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant submits herewith replacement sheets for Figures 1 through 3 labeling the Figures as such. Applicant hereby asserts that the term EUT is an abbreviation commonly known as "equipment under test." The "2" refers to a second panel of testing. Applicant has not amended the drawings with regard to this issue because the term EUT is commonly known. If, however, the Examiner continues to have an issue with the phrase "EUT 2," Applicant is willing to remove this phrase from the Figures or expand it to its full term, "equipment under test 2." Without regard to the above offer, Applicant traverses the objection to the drawings as the explanation set forth above clearly notes what the phrase "EUT 2" refers.

The Examiner objects to the Abstract. Applicant has rewritten the Abstract and submits it herewith. No new matter has been added to the Abstract.

The Examiner objects to two terms used by Applicant: earthing and sections. Applicant has amended the Specification to change the term "earthing" to "grounding." These terms are synonymous and while earthing is not a term typically used in the United States, it is widely accepted outside the United States as a synonym for grounding. Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Per the Examiner's suggestion, the term "sections" has been changed to reflect that the feature being discussed is a cross-sectional diameter and has amended the specification to reflect same. Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

Claims 4 through 15 have been objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being improper form because multiply depending claims refer to other multiply depending claims. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The claims have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies therefrom. Therefore, Applicant believes that claims 4 through 15, as amended, overcome this objection.

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. With regard to claim 2, the Examiner states it is unclear what the phrase "VIII Group or their alloys" means. Applicant has cancelled claim 2, rendering the rejection thereto moot. The language regarding Group VIII has been added to claim 1. Group VIII metals refers to metals that are in Group VIII as identified by the standard Periodic Table. This is more fully articulated in the amendments to the Specification to further distinguish and set forth specifically to what Group VIII is referring. When referring to Group VIII of the Periodic Table of the Elements, it will be noted that this group consists of iron, copper, nickel, ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, osmium, iridium and platinum. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the language to which a rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, was raised has been sufficiently amended to clearly and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention and is therefore allowable.

With regard to claim 3, the Examiner states it is unclear what the phrase "manufactured in iron alloys" means. This reference includes a typographical error. Claim 3 has been amended to correctly reference iron alloys. Therefore, claim 3 overcomes the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1 through 3 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 4,064,305. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 1, 2, and 4. Therefore claim 1 claims yarns including textile and metallic fibers. The textile fibers are either natural or artificial and have a cut length between 50 and 100 millimeters. The metallic fibers are of Group VIII or their alloys and have a cut length between 20 and 80 millimeters. United States Patent 4,064,305 reference discloses a knitted camouflage material designed to hide an object. The material is a fabric that includes fibers that are metallic and have an average cut length between 50 millimeters and 90 millimeters, with a preferred range between 60 and 80 millimeters.

Claim 1, as amended to clarify the invention, claims a yarn that has metallic fibers having a cut length between 20 and 80 millimeters. This is a different range than what is taught in United States Patent 4,064,305. While the cited reference does discuss the use of

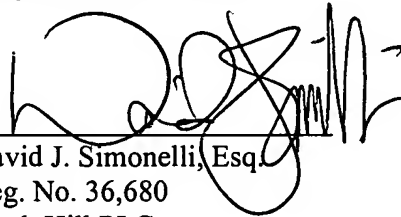
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metal and non-metallic fibers woven together to create a fabric, the ranges identified in the reference are used to allow the object that is covered by the fabric to avoid detection.

In contradistinction, claim 1, as amended, claims a specific range in which the metal fibers are to extend. This range provides the added feature of positively identifying the object that is covered by the fabric created by the yarn. More specifically, the invention set forth in the above-captioned patent application has a defined purpose which is completely opposite of that which was disclosed in United States Patent 4,064,305. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, and all claims depending therefrom overcome this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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